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REPORT

To Our Reader - Owners

CORO VISITORS

Bill Freeman, now with the Steel Workers subregional office here as a Coro Foundation intern, and Martin Raphael, with the office of Electrical Workers 1245 in the same capacity, were visitors at the plant of East Bay Labor Journal last week. Marie Bertillion, Coro intern with the Central Labor Council office, had been serving on a picket line at 5 a.m. that day, so couldn't visit our shop as previously arranged.

Miss Bertillion's service on the picket line shows that our labor union offices are really giving these young people a workout. They learn about our operations the hard way, which is exactly what the Coro people want when they take select college graduates and arrange to have them given practical training in governmental, business, and labor offices.

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UNION PROS

Already some of the Coro graduates have found a place as organizers, staff specialists, or even as elected officers in unions in this State, including some in Alameda County. This is an example of the inevitable rise of professionals, career people, in institutions after such institutions have reached some age.

Those of us oldtimers who started work at our crafts but who have become professionals in the union field, or pros, as we are often called, at first looked somewhat askance at the pros who came in from the universities or special training places without having worked at the craft the union represents.

But as times goes on, and the need increases for special knowledge of complex varieties not immediately connected with the nature of the craft the union represents, we become accustomed to it.

Dave McDonald, head of the big Steel Workers Union, came in originally as an office worker for Philip Murray, we've been told. Even that hardbitten toughminded Mr. Unionist, George Meany himself, though he worked at the craft of his union, has frankly stated he never led a strike; he got his experience in the legislative and bureaucratic branches of our sprawling unionism.

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ILGWU DOES IT

The Ladies Garment Workers frankly train young college people to become union officials.

So as these young men were in asking questions the other day we wondered if some day we'd encounter them as specialists or officers of trade unions whose trades they never worked at.

OFFICIAL NOTICES

Unions will find notices of important meetings called by their officers on page 5 of this issue of the Journal.

Berkeley election endorsement made by AFLCIO's COPE

Candidates in the April 7 election in the city of Berkeley were recommended by COPE (Alameda County Council on Political Education), at its last meeting, as follows:

Mayor—No recommendation.

City Council full 4-year term, four to be elected: John DeBonis, Arthur Harris, Bernice Hubbard May, James G. Whitney.

City Council unexpired term ending April 30, 1961: Roy Nichols.

School Directors 6-year terms, two to be elected: Spurgeon Avakian, Charles E. Wilson.

There are 14 candidates in the full-term City Council race, and two in the race for the unexpired term. This latter vacancy is due to the resignation from the City Council of Jeffery Cohehan, elected last November as Representative, 7th Congressional District.

The time for filing for candidacies in the Oakland primary election of April 21 has now closed. The COPE screening session to determine recommendations in these races will be held March 26.

At the recent COPE meeting at which the Berkeley recommendations were made, an election was held for the COPE executive board.

Officers had already been re-elected without opposition at a previous meeting, but not the 25 members of the executive board.

Originally there had been 27 candidates for places on the board, but John Hutchinson, Berkeley Teachers 1078, withdrew, leaving 26.

The result of the voting on the 26 candidates for the 25 places was as follows:

Al Brown, Milk Wagon Drivers
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State's building trades need spokesman in DC?

The question of whether or not the building tradesmen of California need a special legislative worker in Washington was raised at the meeting of the Building Trades Council this week.

After considering the report of BTC Business Representative

TEXT OF LEGISLATIVE PLAN IN NEXT ISSUE

The complete text of the proposal of BTC Business Representative J. L. Childers that the building tradesmen of California have their own legislative representative in Washington, D. C., will be published in next week's East Bay Labor Journal.

J. L. Childers and others who had attended the recent legislative conference of building tradesmen from all over the

country in Washington, the general feeling of the delegates was that such a spokesman for California is much needed in Washington.

The Board of Business Agents reported to the council that at its March 10 meeting "there was general discussion on the matter of legislative representation in Washington, D. C., as the result of the recent Building Trades Department legislative conference," and that a "motion was made, seconded, and carried that the business representative of the council present the problem to the executive board of the State Building Trades Council at the next meeting."

This recommendation was accepted by the council delegates at the meeting this week.

Childers reported that the department's legislative conference

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Telephone, tannery, and store agreements reached by unions

Announcements were made this week of settlement of difficult negotiations with Pacific Telephone, the Manasse-Block Tanning Company, and a group of retail stores.

The agreement with Pacific Telephone was reached by the Northern California - Nevada group of Communications Workers locals, the three in the East Bay being Local 9415 of Oakland, of which Cal Lord is president; Local 9412 of Hayward of which Ken Crosswell is president, and the Richmond local.

Both plant and traffic workers are covered under the renewed

contract, which covers some 3500 workers in Alameda County.

On the plant side, effective March 15, there is a wage increase of from \$1.50 to \$5 per week, depending on classification. Heavy drivers in the transportation unit get an additional \$2, and light drivers \$1. A 30-minute lunch period for Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays, paid by the company, is provided for the plant people.

On the traffic side there are wage increases of from \$2 to \$3 per week, and the provision that on night tours only 7 hours shall

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Financial aid for organizing drive of Teachers urged

The Central Labor Council this week unanimously accepted the recommendation of the executive committee that all affiliated unions be canvassed by Teachers 771 for financial assistance in the special drive to organize classroom teachers in the public school system here.

George Stokes, president of Teachers 771, had appeared before the executive committee and explained that he was going on half time as a teacher in order to become a half time organizer for the union, and ultimately, it is hoped, a full time organizer for it.

Bud Williams, Automotive Machinists 1546, a member of the executive committee, talked to the delegates on the extreme importance of this drive. He said that very little good of unions is ever heard by the children in the schools, and told of one teacher of English in a class which his 13-year-old daughter attends who went out of her way to say that unions were corrupt and should be eliminated.

Williams' daughter promptly replied, defending unions, and is going to write her term paper in defense of them, but Williams feels more teachers should know about unions, and learn about them by belonging to them.

Joe W. Chaudet, representing the Newspaper Guild, cited the fact that his son and daughter and their friends when asked to name the best teachers they encountered, in four out of five cases named teachers Chaudet knew belonged to the union.

John Hutchinson, Berkeley Teachers, said that Stokes is

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Management study people visit CLC

Three students from Golden Gate College who are specializing in management studies were guests of the Central Labor Council at its meeting this week and were introduced to the delegates by Vice President Edna Lallement, presiding.

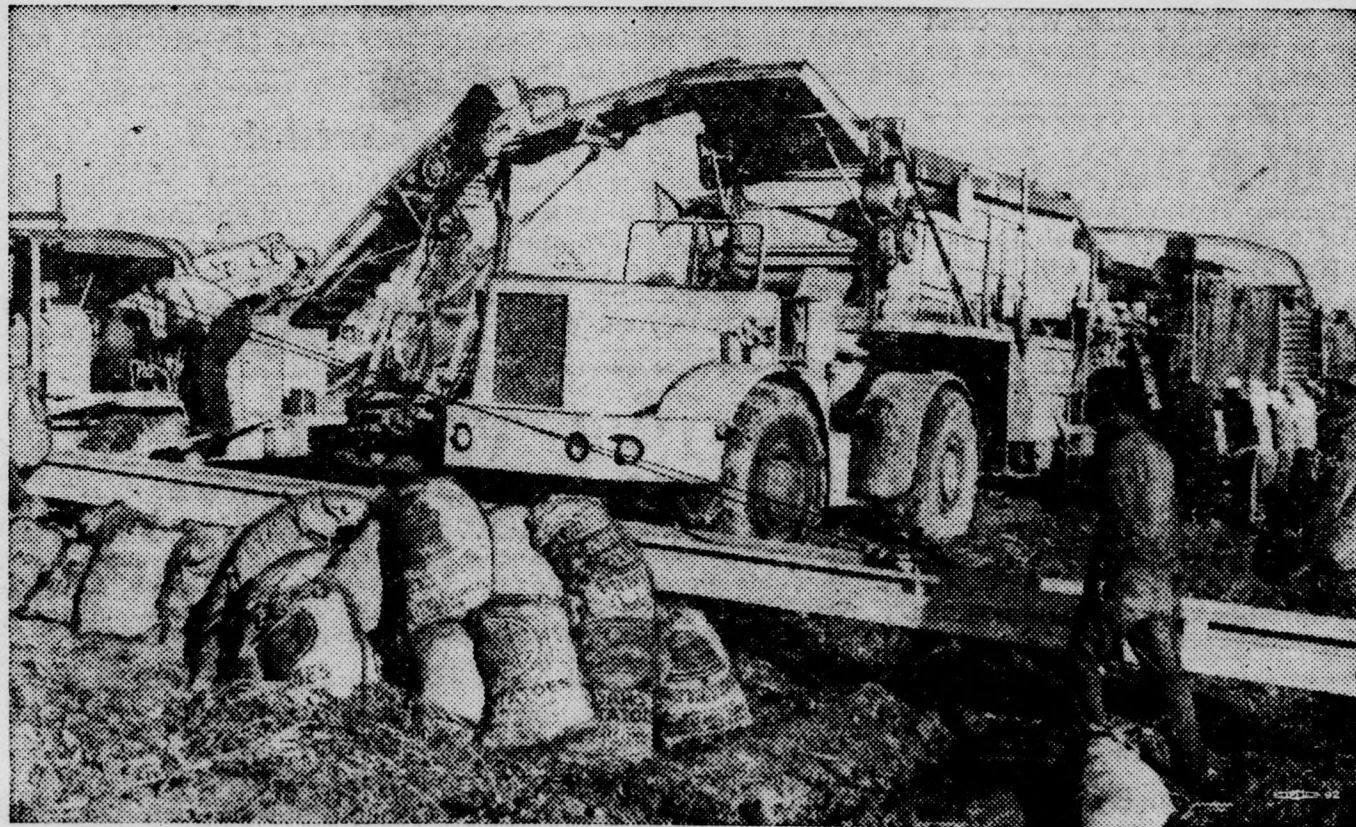
The students were Glenn Hilliard, from Canada; Evelyn Hoon, from Iraq; and Miss Barbara Garoni, daughter of Charles Garoni, Carpet & Linoleum Layers 1290.

As students of management, they were especially interested in the workings of a labor body, since relations between labor and management are an increasingly important subject.

John F. Quinn candidate for the City Council

John F. Quinn, Bartenders 52, former president of the Central Labor Council, has announced his candidacy for the Oakland City Council from District 3.

Quinn was for 20 years vice president of the California State Culinary Alliance, representing Alameda County.



'LA MACHINA' is shown operating on a factory farm in the Imperial Valley. Workers dump sacks of freshly picked carrots into one end, moving on after the carrots have been cleaned, sorted and packed by hand in cellophane packages ready for the supermarket. Because Bud, Inc., refused to pay the wage rates established by the Packinghouse Workers at nearby commercial packing sheds, the crew of "La Machina" walked off the job in the Imperial Valley's first field strike in 20 years. Even the Republican Secretary of Labor, as a recent story in this paper by George L. Rice showed, thinks such field workers are badly in need of help.

HOW TO BUY

Health-insurance hoaxes

By SIDNEY MARGOLIUS
Labor Consumer Advisor for Labor Journal

Better watch more carefully than ever for misrepresentations when buying accident and health policies or hospital insurance sold by commercial companies.

The Federal Trade Commission no longer can protect you against ads which misrepresent health and accident policies, or fail to disclose restrictions on coverage.

The FTC had issued over 40 complaints against various accident and health insurance companies for misrepresentation. Then the Supreme Court ruled that the McCarran-Ferguson Act left regulation of insurance-company activities to the states, where the states undertake to regulate. Since then, hardly a month has passed without an announcement from FTC that it has dismissed, for lack of jurisdiction, its previous charges of false advertising against one after another of the offending companies.

Thus the public now is out in the rain with a very leaky umbrella. For it was the failure of state insurance departments to police the misrepresentations of accident and health insurance ads that led the Federal Trade Commission to intervene. The only way to retrieve the FTC protection is if some consumer-minded Congressmen will make an effort to amend the McCarran-Ferguson Act.

The FTC had gotten after insurance sellers especially on these points: Failure to reveal policies were cancellable at the company's option, and to disclose limitations on benefits, exclusion of benefits for pre-existing illnesses and age limitations. Many companies refused to renew policies when the injured person became ill. The compulsory age limit was and still is another serious defect. Many policies cancel or reduce benefits drastically when people reach 60 or 65. This is generally when they need sickness insurance most, not only because of the ills of old age, but because their incomes are reduced at this time.

For example, FTC found that a big direct-mail insurance seller had represented that its policies remained in force at an insured person's option, as long as he paid the renewal premiums on time. This was false. Many of the policies could be terminated by the company at the end of any period for which the premium had been paid, for any reason or none at all.

This particular case exposed a gimmick used by a number of insurance companies that sell by sending out mail circulars. They really only insure against injuries caused by accident and not illnesses from other causes. While their rates seem to be low, actually there is little protection against the common illnesses.

In another typical case, the FTC found a company had misrepresented the duration of coverage, amounts payable, the amount and duration of monthly benefits. For example, the company had advertised: "Special Coverage: ages one month through life; your benefits never get less—regardless of age", and, "Lifetime Hospital Plan for husband, wife and child."

The impression created by these claims was that the insured received full coverage for life. But the examiner found that the policies provided that coverage is renewable at the company's option only, and some policies specifically reduced benefits by as much as 50 percent when the insured person reached an advanced age.

\$194 per week

This will start something. According to American Home magazine, the average housewife puts in a work-week worth \$194. If she's the average mother of growing children, her work-week averages from 80 to 100 hours and she performs 21 to 30 different jobs. — In Transit.

Cabbage speed

Holding any member of the cabbage family, including the now abundant Brussels sprouts, at a hot temperature results in discoloration and a strong flavor. Cook any of these vegetables for as short a time as possible and serve immediately.

Good father

Mother: "Why can't you be a good little boy, Bobby?" Bobby (hopefully): "I'll be good for a nickel." Mother: "The idea. Why can't you be like your father—good for nothing?"

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Cutting her down to size

The many occasions in a man's life when he needs to know his wife's size — anniversaries, her birthday, Valentine's Day, Christmas—call for some sleuthing. To get the facts, he can do one of several things.

First, ask her point-blank what size she is.

If this seems too direct, he can say to her at an opportune moment:

"Why don't you try to get down to a size 16?"

This will bring forth cries of "You idiot, I am a size 16" or "Don't be antagonistic. I've been wearing size 12 ever since little Johnny was born."

In the event of a cold stare instead of an answer to the last technique, find out from your wife's friends or relatives what size she wears.

If this proves unsatisfactory, call the personal shopping service or a store where your wife has a charge account and ask it to find out what size she buys. In most cases, this information for gloves, shoes and stockings, as well as dresses, will be noted on past sales checks.—New York Times.

The beauty of sausage

The beauty of sausage is that it is not exclusively a breakfast item. It fits perfectly into meal-time menus around the clock.

Sausage has an obliging way of lending spicy flavor to all manner of other foods in the preparation of many good, substantial, homey dishes. It is a meat suitable to serve for any meal of the day.

Make the most of sausage by combining it with potatoes, rice, macaroni or other bland foods. The flavor "stretches" to create low-cost main dishes and casseroles that are bound to become family favorites.

For greater eating enjoyment select a well-known brand sausage that combines fresh, pure pork with that "just right" seasoning. Freshness is important to the eating quality of pork sausage, too. It should be kept very cold, both at the market and at home. — United Mine Workers Journal.

U. S. studies food dollar

Uncle Sam is taking a look at the housewife's food dollar to see just what is happening to it.

In Washington, the Federal Trade Commission ordered an investigation to find out whether a few big businesses are controlling the food industry and calling all the shots on the price of the meals that you put on your table.

Food is the nation's biggest industry and it has annual retail sales of over \$47 billion. At present, the Federal Trade Commission wants to know where the power of control is concentrated. Then it will proceed to find out how prices are manipulated about unfair competition and other important questions concerning your food dollar.

Barbara Bell Patterns



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Step out in style in this soft-ened version of the adored shirt-waist dress. Shawl collar is so smart.

No. 8305 with Patt-O-Rama is in sizes 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20. Size 12, 32 bust, 5 yards of 35-inch; 1 yard contrast.

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Don't humble the youngster!

Parents anxious to have their children think for themselves outside the home were advised recently to respect the right of youngsters to challenge some parental opinions and decisions. This point was made by Dr. Peter B. Neubauer, child psychiatrist.

Noting that many parents were concerned with the trend toward "mindlessness and conformity" and their effect on the young, Dr. Neubauer declared: "You cannot tell a child that he may disagree with others every place but at home."

He urged parents not to discourage every youthful protest with a peremptory, "I have spoken" or seek to humble a child with the attitude of "I have lived longer and know more."

Garnish

Thinly sliced radishes and gherkins, or shrimp cut in flat, lengthwise halves, make attractive garnishes for open cheese sandwiches. Add one or two tiny sprigs of parsley to each garnish.

To the Ladies:

FROM the EDITOR

THAT FATHER in Alameda County who called in the police to control sons he found himself unable to control was later sued by his wife, the mother of the accused boys, and certainly no outsider can claim to know who's right and who's wrong in that family row.

But when the story came out in the press, it undoubtedly set a lot of folks to discussing one of the favorite hot subjects of our era, that of the rightness or wrongness of various modes of rearing the young.

A STUDY recently made of family life in Latin America brought out the fact that children are still pretty well "seen and not heard" down there. This, the investigators said, certainly made family life more comfortable for visitors; you didn't have children dominating the conversation all the time, or butting in when not wanted.

But it was suggested that perhaps a major reason for the rise of dictators in Latin America, and their long continuance in power, is precisely the fact that as youngsters are growing up they are taught that docility is a major virtue: they should do as told. So they keep on doing it all their lives—till comes the revolution, and another dictator comes in.

A DEMOCRACY, according to this assumption, or a democratic republic, is a system of government operated by persons accustomed from childhood to make decisions, sometimes right, sometimes wrong, but to make 'em, just the same. And out of the seeming chaos comes, paradoxically, a more stable system of government than you get in a Latin American dictatorship such as Cuba, where—but you know what happened in Cuba lately!

Slavery at the one extreme, and anarchy at the other. But it's easy to say which extreme we run toward in this country!

Flower vases

To prolong the life of fresh-cut flowers, Robert Stevens, extension horticulturist at the University of Delaware, advises washing vases and other flower containers in hot soap or detergent suds. This should be followed with a clear rinse. In this way, harmful bacteria that cause blossoms to wilt will be removed.

Sweet pancakes

For exceptionally good dessert pancakes, prepare 1 cup packaged pancake mix with 1 egg, 1 cup milk and 2 tablespoons sugar. Stir in 1/2 cup each chopped walnuts and semi-sweet chocolate pieces. Bake and put cakes together in twos with whipped cream; serve at once.

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When making purchases, always ask for the union label. If building a home or repairing one, see that the men doing the plumbing or steamfitting work, painting, etc., belong to the union. Ask to see their Card. Boost the union emblem and help yourself. Patronize and demand the following union cards:



Painter wins his appeal on jobless repayment order

Mose Hammond in his column for the Painters District Council of page 4 refers to a decision given by the California Unemployment Insurance Appeals Board.

This was a split decision, the chairman, Glenn V. Walls, having dissented; the other two on the board, Arnold L. Morse and Ernest B. Webb, constituting the majority which made the decision effective.

The case was that of a painter who had been getting unemployment benefits of \$37 a week for some weeks in 1958.

The painter at his request received vacation pay in the amount of \$30.13 for April 1 and April 2, 1958, from his union in accordance with the union contract.

In certifying for unemployment benefits for the week ending April 5, he reported the receipt of his vacation pay and was paid his benefits because, according to the department's representative, his pay was "under a hundred dollars." The department's representative admitted, says the decision, that this statement might well have been made to the claimant but that it was an error.

Later the department issued a determination that the man should not have received the \$37 unemployment benefit and that he must repay it to the State. It was from this determination that the painter appealed.

The split decision of the appeals board is that since the vacation pay of \$30.13 was less than his weekly benefit of \$37, he was entitled to a reduced benefit (\$10) for that week. This would leave him owing \$27 to the State for overpayment. But, says the decision:

"The department was not only fully aware of the facts when it made the payment of benefits in question and later retroactively assessed the overpayment, but the department's representative gave the claimant confusing instructions in the first instance which caused him to request the vacation pay. Under these facts, we hold it would be against equity and good conscience to require repayment of the benefits paid."

So the department's determination was reversed by the board, the claimant was held to have been eligible for reduced benefits during the week in question and the demand for repayment was canceled.

It should be added that the decision brings out the fact that the "claimant was advised by his business agent that he would lose a week of unemployment insurance benefits if he accepted his vacation," but that then "the claimant discussed the matter with a representative of the department and testified that he was advised he would remain eligible for benefits so long as 'you take a vacation and stay eligible to work.'"

Mel Thompson will aid S. L. Hospital

M. E. Thompson, business representative for Machinists 115, has joined Robert S. Ash, Arthur Hellender, and Alfred Hansen as an active participant in the fund raising campaign in San Leandro to help in the construction of the San Leandro Memorial Hospital.

Thompson, elected to the 27-man board of trustees at their latest meeting said: "I am glad to know that the residents of the San Leandro Hospital Service Area are taking it upon themselves to provide a hospital in this area. For a city the size of San Leandro not to have hospital facilities is to say the least, remarkable."

Culinary and Bartenders Local 823 publishes its finances for year 1958

Culinary Workers and Bartenders Local 823 of the Hayward area is following an "open covenants openly arrived at" policy with regard to its financial dealings.

As Local 823's advertisement in this issue of East Bay Labor Journal shows, the union is letting the world know just what was taken in and what went out during 1958.

The statement, signed by Leroy V. Woods, secretary-treasurer, shows that during the year the union had an income of \$144,236.57, and at the end of the year was able to credit to surplus and reserve \$9,169.33 of this amount.

Local 823 serves a constantly growing section of Alameda County, and is expanding in membership and in influence both in economic and political affairs.

Teachers Union on organizing drive

The following is from a statement sent out to its members by Teachers 771:

At the regular membership meeting on January 15, 1959, the members voted to create the paid-employee position of executive secretary. At that meeting your executive board pointed out that this task would involve a financial risk.

At its regular meeting on January 8, 1959, your executive board, after much deliberation, voted unanimously to undertake this risk. We are convinced that this is a necessary move if we are to become a real force for the improvement of education.

On February 1, 1959, our president, George Stokes, became our half-time executive secretary. He took a half-time leave of absence with the accompanying salary cut to half of his salary as a teacher. He is convinced that we can grow to a self-sufficient local with at least one full-time, full-pay employee.

'Angry and happy' poet, union carpenter, to read over KPFA on March 24th

George Bratt, the San Francisco union carpenter whose book, "On the Boss's Time: Shop Poems and Other Poems" was discussed in East Bay Labor Journal recently, is scheduled to read some of his poems over Station KPFA Tuesday, March 24, at 10:45 p.m.

KPFA's announcement speaks of Bratt's "much praised book of angry and happy poems."

Lee's headquarters

Pete Lee, candidate for the Oakland City Council has opened his campaign headquarters at 5777 Grove Street.

A SOUND AND COLOR moving picture, "The story of the U. S. Mail," depicting the equipment to be used in the recently-announced multi-million dollar post office installation in Oakland, is available for showing to local civic, church, service, school and social groups.

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Ash resigns from Hayward Hi board

Central Labor Council Secretary Robert S. Ash in resigning as a trustee of the Hayward Union High School District said in a letter to the board:

"As you know I have been appointed by Governor Brown as a member of the California State Personnel Board and believe there is a possibility of conflict of interest in the first place, and secondly, with the added duties I will not have sufficient time to devote to the office of trustee."

Ash recommended that L. L. Mitchell of San Lorenzo, assistant business representative of IBEW 1245, be appointed to fill out his unexpired term, which ends June 30.

OAKLAND BUSINESSMEN and industrialists will take a long lunch hour on April 29 and return to the classrooms of the public and parochial schools to see how their future employees and executives are being trained. Titled "Education - Business Day", the visit is sponsored by the Oakland Chamber of Commerce in cooperation with school officials.

Oakland firm fined for violation of Fair Labor Act's overtime clause

Manuel Paul Martin and Frances Martin, doing business as Martin's Gymnasium Equipment Company, 2927 Market Street, Oakland, were convicted in U. S. District Court in San Francisco of violation of the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act, on two counts: failure to pay overtime compensation as required by the act to 15 employees; and shipment in interstate commerce of goods produced in violation of the Act. The case was tried by Judge Michael J. Roche.

Fines were imposed on Martin on both counts. On the first count, the fine was set at \$2,767.79. \$2,267.79 of this amount would be suspended if back wages due the employees are paid within ten days. A fine of \$500.00 was imposed on the second count.

Mrs. Martin was placed on three years' probation. — U. S. press release.

CARMEN 192 recently approved a \$2 assessment to meet strike payments to members of the international over the country, E. Scala reported to the CLC.

Struck newspaper sells its plant

ST. LOUIS — A heavy blow was delivered against AFLCIO craft unionists and Newspaper Guild members when the chain newspaper publisher of the struck St. Louis Globe-Democrat sold his plant and equipment to the rival St. Louis Post-Dispatch and promptly served new demands aimed at breaking down Guild contract security.

The effect of the sale, announced by the local management for the S. I. Newhouse interests, was to place in jeopardy both the jobs of mechanical department workers for the Globe-Democrat and the jobs of editorial and business office employees affiliated with the Guild.

Another effect, which will become an actuality whenever the strike ended, will be to roll off the same presses the arch-conservative morning Republican Globe-Democrat and the liberal afternoon Post-Dispatch.

The craft unions and the Guild charged bad faith by the Newhouse management in stalling for months the execution of new contracts with the various newspaper unions. — AFLCIO News.



"No, No, Junior... Dad needs his Milk too!"

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GLOW...

drink milk for glow—that special glow of health and beauty that comes from proper nourishment.

EAST BAY PRODUCERS' MILK COUNCIL

Painters Dist. Council 16

By MOSE HAMMOND

The business agents and personnel of our various union offices in the Bay Area have been aware of the fact and have advised members accordingly that you could not legally draw your allotted weekly unemployment check and your vacation benefits at the same time. However, on the advice of someone interviewed in the State Employment Office who advised a member that he could and he attempted to do so, the following events evolved.

The California Unemployment Appeals Board decision is rather confusing and will take considerable study on your part to gain the significance of it. However the decision is important and will be well worth the time spent.

In trying to find out if this decision applied to painters alone, excluding some of the other building trades crafts, as was previously stated in a local union column report, we called District Councils of other trades in San Francisco. Also other unions in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties.

We learned that this report was erroneous and the trade specifically mentioned at that time and all the others were called, are subject to the same vacation pay restrictions that the painters are.

It would be advisable if you have less than \$75 vacation pay coming to make application for such pay while you are employed as our vacation plan now states that if the amount of benefits due are \$75 or less, a member is not required to take a vacation.

Note: The gist of the decision by the Unemployment Appeals Board will be found reported in an article on page 3.

Chips and Chatter

By AL THOMAS

Friday last special meeting of Local 36 was interesting but there were only about 76 members present. After the delegates reported; District Council Secretary Bartolini gave us a run-down on his part in the legislative conference in Washington, D. C. It would have opened your eyes if you had been down to

hear it. He also explained the clauses added to our contract relative to the new living procedures. We shall try to explain them as we meet you on the jobs.

The credit union has 115 members now; and can use a few more, just as many as they can get. See Treasurer Paul Hudgins at Friday night meetings.

An old timer told me the other day it's better to ask a question and be a fool for five minutes than to remain silent and be a fool forever. You know he's got something there. Let's see you at the meetings.

Machinists Auxiliary

By OLIVE M. HARVEY

The second February meeting was called to order by our new president, Myrtus Neyhouse. Due to circumstances this was her first official meeting to preside over and she really handled the gavel surprisingly well. After attending to the considerable business we had on hand, we initiated two new members, Mildred Strelka and Linda Leon. Welcome, girls, to our midst.

We have three of our members on the "not feeling too well list", Past President Trellis Wharry and sister Gertrude Earl have virus colds and sister Isabel Helmut is very slow in recuperating from hospitalization.

Sister Nellie Blanford's husband, brother Sam, has been in the hospital for the past two weeks for medical treatment, but is home now though Nellie says the doctor insists that he stay in bed for another week, which makes Sam very unhappy.

Sister Margaret Copeland told me Sunday that her husband, brother Blaine, who is in the hospital for treatment and minor surgery, was very uncomfortable and may have to have major surgery. We hope not and that by the time this goes to press he is much better.

President Myrtus, assisted by co-hostess, Opal Lawrence, Evelyn Gerholdt and Gladys Lear called an officers' meeting at Opal's home and many plans for the coming year to be presented to the auxiliary were made. The friendly cooperation, conversation and delicious refreshments added up to a very pleasant evening.

Chairman Evelyn Gerholdt of the sewing club announces there will be a meeting at her home March 17, 10 a.m. Come one and all, and be sure and bring a sandwich.

Ways and Means Chairman

CHAPEL of the OAKS

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Frank J. Youell
DIRECTOR

Member of Painters' Local 127

Opal Lawrence announces there will be a pot luck dinner at the hall April 16. Contact her regarding what you are willing to donate to help out.

Sister Marie Dixon who was the first president of the Golden Gate Council was honored by the council by being presented with the charter which they just received. The Past Presidents will have their monthly meeting at sister Marie's home in March.

There is an oldtime member and past president who writes me that she enjoys my articles and never misses one of them. I hope she is reading this one because I think she should break down and come to meetings again and get her news first hand.

As another correspondent to this paper wrote, "why join if you do not intend to attend meetings?" and I think she has something there, so you members who belong but just can't seem to get to meeting, make an effort. You would be surprised how much you would enjoy yourselves.

Teachers 771

By BILL PLOSSER

Teacher Survey Chairman Dr. Hy Haydis and Executive Secretary George Stokes are continuing their meetings at schools throughout Oakland presenting the Local's position on, and analysis of, the Booz, Allen and Hamilton report. This report cost the Oakland Public Schools (the people of Oakland) \$30,000 and was conducted by a Management Consultant firm. Its objective supposedly was to find out what's wrong with the administration of certificated personnel in the school system. The Local's position all along has been that the Board of Education did not need to go to a management consultant firm to find out. All they had to do was ask the teachers — the real leaders in any school system. For this reason, and many more, we did not participate in the BAH report.

So far, Haydis and Stokes have held meetings at 7 schools in the system. If any of our brothers in the labor movement want a meeting at the school in their neighborhood, we urge you to contact George Stokes by writing to 3515-A High Street. Stokes and Haydis will be glad to make a presentation at your neighborhood school. The public would be welcome.

The Local's Teacher-Prepared Survey will be published by the end of March, we hope. This survey gets to the heart of the problems in the Oakland System, mainly because it was conducted by the teachers. By the way, our survey has cost somewhat under \$300, total, plus the many hours spent by teachers compiling results in their off-duty hours. Compare our \$300 with the \$30,000 spent by the Board

of Education. What two little zeroes can mean! For one thing, it can mean a few more teachers to ease overcrowded classrooms.

As the city elections draw near, we urge all members of labor to help in the election of brother Pete Lee to the Oakland City Council. We're proud of Pete and know he will serve his community in the same outstanding way he teaches in the classroom.

Watchmakers Local 101

By GEORGE F. ALLEN

A change in the Santa Clara County Agreements becomes effective on April 1, 1959. A five cent per hour increase due on that date will bring the minimum up to \$2.80 per hour. All journeymen watchmakers under our jurisdiction will then have the same minimum wage. One of our unions objectives will have been accomplished with the establishment of a uniform minimum wage.

Effective also on April 1st in the Santa Clara agreements will be the three weeks vacation provision. Those of you who have worked more than two years for your present employer will be entitled to an extra one-half day vacation for each year of continuous service, beginning the third year, until a maximum of five additional days has been earned, which constitutes the third weeks' vacation.

Letters notifying the employers of these changes will be in the mail by the time you read this column.

SAN FRANCISCO MEMBERSHIP MEETING: The next membership meeting will be held on Thursday, March 26 at 7:30 p.m. in the Native Sons Hall, 414 Mason Street, San Francisco. International Delegates will be elected.

Steel Machinists I304

By DAVE ARCA

Why are people snobs? Do they fear themselves, or others? The town of Atherton was offered a twenty two acre ancestral estate, provided it was developed into a public park. The Athertonians were aghast. (What a blast). They rallied to the defense of their exclusive right to be exclusive. One woman emphatically stated she would not consider sending her children to a public park when there are so many private clubs she could send them to. Another worthy citizen testified he had flown his plane over the exclusive community and saw more private backyard swim pools than "Carter had pills". Therefore no public recreation was needed.

Perhaps a suggestion from an untouchable could help the dilemma of the Atherton Planning

COPE SCREEN MARCH 26; REGULAR MEET APRIL 14

The all day candidate-screening session of COPE will be held March 26.

The regular monthly COPE meeting will be held at 8 p.m. Tuesday, April 14.

Commission. Make it a public park for dogs. This would comply with the public park stipulation, and still keep the privacy inviolate. It might even minimize the canine contamination of Atherton hydrants, trees, and automobile tires.

No, don't thank us for the suggestion, Atherton deserves it.

May we close with these few words from our favorite writer.

A love of money is a root of evil. From this root only misery grows. Physically, we may hide the blemish, but mentally, the defect shows.

Insurance Agents prepare to merge

William J. Foley of the Insurance Agents has reported to the Central Labor Council that the old AFL and the old CIO unions of insurance agents are preparing to merge in May, bringing together in one body some 35,000 workers.

Foley said that the larger proportion of these 35,000 are working for the Prudential and John Hancock companies.

Metropolitan, the biggest company, with \$16 billion assets, has no union agents, he said, and added that "as I have been doing for seven years, I urge you if you have any dealings with a Metropolitan agent, to ask him to produce a union card."

Later Foley reported that the unionized agents are asking the various Legislatures to pass a bill setting up a moratorium for premium payments when there is a strike by the agents.

But what happened one second ago?

Chile Duarte, president of ILWU Local 6, says the local in a recent resolution on what technological change is doing to workers, included the following:

What is new in modern and recent times is not invention and change, but the acceleration and vast scale of technological advance. This acceleration has been described dramatically by one writer who, for the purpose of graphic presentation, compresses the 50,000 years of mankind's recorded history into 50 years. On this basis, he develops the following dates for these innovations:

Ten years ago, man left his cave for some other kind of dwelling;

Five years ago, some genius invented the first writing;

Two years ago, Christianity appeared;

Fifteen months ago, Gutenberg developed the printing press;

Ten days ago, electricity was discovered;

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Last night, the radio;

This morning, television;

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OFFICIAL UNION NOTICES

AUTOMOTIVE MACHINISTS 1546

You are herewith officially notified that Lodge 1546 meets in regular session on the first and third Tuesday of each month at the hour of 8:00 p.m. in the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland 12, California.

Meeting hall will be posted on the bulletin board in the lobby of said Temple and you are herewith officially requested to be in attendance.

Fraternally,
A. J. HAYES,
Recording Secretary

AUTOMOBILE SALESMEN 1095

Please be advised that the next regular meeting of Automobile Salesmen 1095, will be held April 2, 1959 at 8:00 p.m.

Location: Cocks Hall, 1608 Webster Street, Oakland. All members should attend this meeting.

Fraternally,
ALBERT R. SILVA,
Secretary

CARPENTERS 1158

NOTICE! Change of Meeting Place! Carpenters Local 1158 now meets in Finnish Brotherhood Hall, 1970 Chestnut Street, Berkeley, two blocks east of San Pablo just off University Avenue.

All meetings are held the first and third Monday of each month at 8 p.m.

Fraternally,
H. B. RICHARDSON,
Recording Secretary

CARPENTERS 194, 1158 & 1473

The Business Agents' and Dispatchers' office is open Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez St., Oakland, room 232, phone TWinoaks 3-1120.

CARPENTERS 36

Regular meetings will be held each Friday at 8:00 p.m. at 761 12th Street, Oakland, California. There will also be a special called meeting Friday at 8 p.m., April 17, 1959, to vote on three referendum resolutions as requested by the California State Council of Carpenters.

The Stewards Committee will meet Thursday at 8:00 P.M., March 19, 1959.

The Educational Committee will meet at 8:00 p.m., March 25.

Fraternally yours,
OSCAR N. ANDERSON,
Recording Secretary

PAINTERS LOCAL 127

SPECIAL NOTE:

Any member who has not applied for his last year's Vacation Plan must apply before March 31, 1959 or he could lose his money.

The Agreement Committee is still open for suggestions for changes in the new agreement.

Fraternally yours,
EDGAR S. GULBRANSEN,
Recording Secretary

BUILDING SERVICE 18

Nominations of officers and standing committees will be the first order of business under the heading of New Business at the regular meeting Friday, March 27, 1959.

Fraternally,
W. DOUGLAS GELDERT,
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SPECIAL MEETING

The meeting of March 19, 1959, has been called a Special Meeting to elect a delegate to the Alameda County Building Trades Council, also a delegate to the Contra Costa Building Trades Council.

Fraternally yours,
B. D. DILLASHAW
Secretary

PLUMBERS & GAS FITTERS 444

The next regular meeting of Plumbers & Gas Fitters Local Union No. 444 will be held on Wednesday, March 25, 1959 in Hall A on the first floor of the Labor Temple Building, 2315 Valdez street, Oakland, California.

Those of you who have not obtained and signed for your new union books may get them at this meeting.

Please make every effort to attend this meeting.

Fraternally
BEN H. BEYNON,
Business Manager &
Fin. Secretary-Treasurer

HAYWARD PAINTERS 1178

The next regular meeting will be held Friday, March 20.

Fraternally,
ROBERT S. MILLER
Recording Secretary

STEEL MACHINISTS 1304

Regular meeting Thursday, March 19, 1959 at 8:00 p.m. Executive Board meets at 6:30 p.m.

All Stewards and Committeemen please note. The Joint Stewards Council will meet Saturday, March 21, 1959 at 10:30 a.m.

Fraternally,
DAVE ARCA,
Recording Secretary

UNITED STEELWORKERS 1798

Meeting Friday, March 20, 1959 8:00 p.m., 2315 Valdez Street, Room 229, Oakland, California.

Fraternally,
DOROTHY McDAID,
Recording Secretary

BERKELEY PAINTERS LOCAL 40

The next regular meeting will be held at 8:00 p.m. March 27.

Benefits paid by our Welfare Fund have been raised effective March 1, 1959.

Surgery benefits have been raised from \$337.50 to \$500.00. Dependent's diagnostic x-ray and laboratory expenses are raised from \$25 to \$50, out patient surgical services from \$50 to \$75.

Provisions on group life insurance has been changed from end of contract year to 1 year from date of total disability. Continuance of insurance during total disability has been changed from 60 to 90 days.

Polio benefits have been changed to provide for payment for a two year period from date polio is first contracted.

The next three months meetings are important to every member. We will be discussing and voting on a

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new agreement, also election of officers and delegates to serve for the next two years.

Come early and watch the fights on TV.

A reminder to any brothers who have not collected their 1957 vacation money: March 31, 1959, is the deadline.

Fraternally,
CLARENCE SLATER,
Recording Secretary

TEACHERS 771

Our salary demands for 1959-60 will be the main topic of discussion at the executive board meeting on Thursday afternoon, March 19, 4:00 p.m. at Castlemont High School teachers' cafeteria. All members are urged to participate by attending the meetings of the executive board. Regular executive board meetings are held the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month.

Publications committee will meet on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at Oakland High. Interested members should attend the next meeting on Wednesday afternoon, April 8, 3:45 p.m. in room 108, and are urged by Chairman Ron Miller to send in articles for publication in the Oakland Teacher and to contact him to volunteer help with publications. Call TRinidad 2-3416.

Fraternally,
GEORGE STOKES,
Executive Secretary

HAYWARD CARPENTERS 1622

Unless otherwise specified, regular meetings will be held each Friday at 8:00 p.m., Labor Temple, 1050 Mattox Road, Hayward.

SPECIAL ORDER of business

Friday, March 20, will be to hear the wishes of the members on what they wish to present to have the Bay Counties District Council of Carpenters present to the Negotiations Committee at the conference table when they negotiate our new contract.

Members should come to this meeting to present their views and hear what other members want.

Fraternally yours,
MARIUS WALDAL,
Recording Secretary

We publish this to show how complicated life is getting to be for labor

The Bureau of National Affairs, Inc., announces publication of "How to Take a Case Before The National Labor Relations Board", by L. G. Silverberg a completely revised and rewritten edition of a book that since 1949 has been a "bible" for employers, unions, attorneys, and others having business with the National Labor Relations Board.

The book's price is \$7.85.

As the title implies, this volume is devoted to a description of procedure before the NLRB.

Here's a book that will serve as a practical guide for everyone who does business with the Board or who wants information on the Board's procedures. It places at the user's fingertips vital details that would otherwise require hours of research. — Bureau of National Affairs.

Group named for Galliano tribute

Plans for a memorial in the name of the late James F. Galliano, beloved advocate of the labor movement here, will be made by a committee consisting of Charles Geroni, Carpet & Linoleum Layers 1290; Harris Wilkin, Food Clerks 870; and Central Labor Council Secretary Robert S. Ash. The project was authorized by the CLC delegates this week.

Mathew O. Tobriner, attorney well known in labor circles, in a letter to East Bay Labor Journal published March 13, suggested that as a memorial to Galliano there might be set up a "fund for a scholarship in a university for a student interested in the labor problem, or, if that is too ambitious, a fund for prizes for student writing in the field of labor law," adding that "I think Frank might have liked some such inspiration for labor students."

Health-Welfare meet

Labor's Health and Welfare Council will meet at Mitch's at noon March 25.

Why not pass this copy of the East Bay Labor Journal to a friend of yours when you are finished reading it!

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INCOME:

Dues, Reinstatement, Initiation Fees	\$125,281.38
Health Dues, etc	13,592.80
Interest	1,165.60
Building Income	3,692.50
International Burial Benefits	400.00
Other Income (miscellaneous)	104.29
TOTAL INCOME	\$144,236.57

DISBURSEMENT OF INCOME

Dues, Per Capita Tax, to affiliated organizations	\$ 21,284.05
Compensation to officers, trustees, executive board	26,404.00
Wages and salaries (employees)	16,351.06
Interest	705.60
Taxes	2,006.11
Officers Expenses and allowances	6,664.21
Office Expense and Equipment	8,183.53
Other General and Administrative expenses	14,078.84
Contributions, flowers	48.80
Donations (approved by membership)	2,559.50
Death Benefits	36,781.54
Addition to surplus and reserve	9,169.33
	\$144,236.57

ASSETS

	Beg. 1958	End 1958
Cash	\$ 44,435.83	\$ 41,054.80
Bonds	1,110.00	1,110.00
Other Investments, Loan		
East Bay Committee Against Right to Work (Loan)		5,000.00
Building	50,000.00	50,000.00
Total Assets	\$ 95,545.00	\$ 97,164.80

LEROY V. WOODS,
Secretary-Treasurer



TEACHING IS TOUGH WORK in New York City, where "black-board jungle" conditions have become notorious. George N. Allen, an enterprising reporter on the N. Y. World Telegram & Sun, is shown receiving a \$500 check, the 1958 Heywood Brown Award, for his feat of working 10 months as a teacher to get full story of conditions. May Craig, Washington correspondent of the Guy Gannett Newspapers, one of the judges, hands him the check.

Labor & industry united in drive to get S. L. Hospital

On January 22 of this year the San Leandro Hospital Service Area was awarded a conditional grant-in-aid of \$1,327,788 to be applied toward construction of a hospital to be located in San Leandro.

This grant-in-aid is derived from the state and federal governments equally. The community, in order to qualify for the grant must in turn raise its share of the building costs. This means, essentially, that the local residents must subscribe matching funds of \$663,894 or forfeit the million plus dollars.

The hospital is incorporated as a nonprofit institution owned by the citizens of the community. There is no stock issued, consequently, there are no dividends paid to any group or individual.

The hospital governing board will be a twenty-seven member board of trustees who will serve without remuneration. This board will be supplemented by three standing committees:

- An Industrial Council made up of twelve members representing national firms operating in the area,

- Labor Council made up of fifteen representatives of local organizations,

- Citizens Council made up of thirty-five members representing the community at large.

It will be the purpose of these committees to help in the development of hospital policies, interpreting the hospital to their friends and groups, and the committees will further serve as a source for future board members.

Petris bill would quicken renewal

A special court proceeding to determine the validity of redevelopment or urban renewal bonds would be created by a bill introduced by Assemblyman Nicholas Petris of East Oakland.

"This bill is designed to streamline procedure and clear the air of any doubt as to the validity of projects or bonds. It gives the Redevelopment Agency an opportunity to get court approval. At the same time, it protects the rights of other interested persons, Petris said.

Machinist in Vallejo paints pictures and it makes him feel better

Charles Wolfe, a member of IAM Lodge 252 at Vallejo, California, began painting pictures for the fun of it some few years ago, and now reaps a double reward from his hobby.

In addition to the pleasure of painting, he enjoys presenting the pictures to those who appreciate them. He has written to offer one of his works as a gift.

Wolfe writes: "I started painting after World War I when I wasn't feeling well. I painted pictures at odd times and gave them away to clubs, friends, relatives, and one to the old Napa State Hospital. I have one picture of Big Bend National Park in Texas, on the Rio Grande, which I would like to offer wherever it is pleasantly acceptable. I paint for the fun of it, not for commercial gain." — **The Machinist.**

Mosk gives back his judgeship pay

Attorney General Stanley Mosk has turned over \$2,429 to the county — representing his pay as a Superior Court Judge while campaigning for his present post.

Chairman Frank G. Bonelli presented the four warrants, representing two months pay, which he said Mosk was donating to the county.

Under the law, the county was required to issue the checks to the jurist even though he said earlier he did not plan to accept them. — **Los Angeles Daily Legal Journal.**

Holmdahl bill for social security

State Senator John W. Holmdahl has introduced a bill which would automatically pass on full benefits of social security increases to its recipients. Present law operates so that the state "absorbed" much of the recent increases in federal Old Age Assistance and Old Age Survivors Disability Insurance Payments. State contributions in many cases were proportionately reduced.

Tell 'em you saw it in the East Bay Labor Journal!

Social security program of labor much slowed down

Organized labor's program to liberalize unemployment insurance, workmen's compensation and unemployment disability insurance slowed down when the Assembly Committee on Finance and Insurance failed to set these bills for hearings as requested by the California Labor Federation, AFLCIO.

Involved are some 86 Federation-sponsored bills, including measures to increase the maximum unemployment and disability insurance weekly benefit to \$65 and the workmen's compensation benefit to \$70 a week, plus extended coverage measures. Also included are other bills to accomplish long overdue improvements in these basic social security programs.

Federation representatives requested the scheduling of the bills for hearings two weeks ago but to date no such schedule has been set.

The Federation has been informed that all measures on the three social security programs will be referred to subcommittee rather than hearing each bill on its merit before the full committee.

Such referral to subcommittee slows down legislation and the Federation is concerned about this slowing down of these vital bills, feeling that time is already late and it is most desirable to press for passage of this legislation which is so important to California's more than 5½ million workers.

The Assembly Finance and Insurance Committee this session is composed of eleven democrats and 4 republicans as follows: Rees (Chairman) (D), Pattee (Vice Chairman) (R), Burton (D), Cameron (D), Crown (D), DeLotto (D), Levering (R), Munnell (D), O'Connell (D), Reagan (R), Rumford (D), Thelin (R), Unruh (D), Waldie (D), and George A. Willson (D). — **California Labor Federation.**

For first time in 35 years Communists fail to contest in Hat Local

For the first time in more than 35 years, the Communists and their adherents have failed to put forth candidates for office in N. Y. Millinery Workers Local 24 to run in opposition to the Administration candidates. At the special meeting of the local held in the Hotel Diplomat, nominations were made for a variety of offices, paid and unpaid, and opportunities were repeatedly offered to the Communist-front opposition or to any other dissidents to nominate their own candidates. No such nominations were forthcoming. — **Hat Worker.**

Miller alerts on sewage aid-grants

Congressman Goerge P. Miller alerted the East Bay Municipal Utility District and mayors of Southern Alameda County to proposed legislation in Congress which would expand Federal grant construction programs for municipal sewage treatment works.

Major changes under consideration, Miller said, would provide for an increase from \$50 million to \$100 million in Federal grants for municipal sewage plants and a raise in the maximum grant to any one municipality from \$250,000 to \$500,000.

Miller said the legislation also provided for the establishment of an Office of Water Pollution Control within the Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

California Carpenters voting on 2-cent organizing per cap

California Carpenters began voting this week on a State-wide referendum of importance to every member of the building trades crafts, it was announced by Harry J. Harkleroad, executive secretary of the California State Council of Carpenters.

The proposal, a major item in the continued reorganization program of the State body, is a 2-cents per member per month additional per capita tax for organizational purposes, which was unanimously approved by the 31st annual Convention of the Council in San Diego last month, and must now be voted on by the membership.

The State Council already has three special representatives in the field under a special appropriation from reserves authorized by the Executive Board last year, and decided to expand the program this year. The proposal first won approval of a ten man state-wide committee on officers reports at the San Diego Convention.

"It has been recognized for some years that the security of our organization—a major group in the building trades—has been challenged by the growth of non-union building activities and also by the emergence of such dual organizations as District 50 of the United Mine Workers," said the Committee's report. "We commend the attitude of the survey made by the officers, facing the problem squarely and immediately pro-

posing a program intended to correct the situation."

Ballots have been sent to every affiliated Local Union for the membership to vote, and returns will be made and reported to the Executive Board by mid-April.

"One of the aims of the reorganization program approved by the 1958 Convention was to strengthen our organizational program," said C. R. Bartolini, San Francisco, president of the State Council. "We have made a start during the past year, and in order to keep it rolling we must finance it."

"There are various localities in need of help. We can't give it to them unless we expand our program. We have made careful studies and know what needs to be done. Complete support of this measure in the referendum will enable us to do the things necessary for the benefit of the entire Brotherhood and our associates in the other building trades."

The members will also vote on another measure, providing an additional 1-cent per capita tax for the General Convention fund to assist smaller units in financing delegates for the purpose of giving California larger representation at the National convention. Several structural changes in the State Council Constitution are also on the ballot, including the change in title of secretary-treasurer to Executive secretary-treasurer.

Telephone, tannery, and store agreements reached by unions

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be worked regardless of the number of persons on duty, instead of the previous 8 hours.

Both plant and traffic people benefit by improved pension arrangements agreed to earlier in the negotiations. Both sides also benefit by full grievance procedure being set up for all who have worked 6 months or more, where before the figure was 2 years.

Vi Bogan, reporting the settlement to the Central Labor Council, said that "this is the

first time in negotiations there has been no retrogression from previously gained clauses" in the bargaining process. Cal Lord told East Bay Labor Journal that on the plant side the average of \$3.94 per week wage gain made is the highest this year gained in negotiations with any company of the Bell System, with only three more contract negotiations to be heard from.

The Manasse-Block Tannery Company dispute, although it involved much early morning picketing for days by representatives of Stationary Engineers 39 and volunteers from other unions affiliated with the Central Labor Council, was concerned with only two members of Local 39, and with two others who became members as part of the agreement reached.

Herb Sims of Local 39 said that under the new one-year contract one man gets an increase of 40½ cents an hour, retroactive to February 1, with another dime coming August 1; while the other man gets a 22-cent increase, and another dime August 1. In addition the two others, who had been working at the craft without belonging to the union are now members. Also, there is improvement in pension provisions.

The bulk of the workers at the tannery belong to a Butchers local.

The picketing ended at 11:30 Tuesday night of last week, when a vote was taken on the spot accepting the new contract.

The agreement with many shoe stores was reached by Department & Specialty Store Employees 1265. A \$5 weekly wage increase is provided, with more liberal commissions.

CLC Assistant Secretary Richard Groulx sat in on both the shoe store and the tannery negotiations, and Assistant Secretary Art Hellender was very active in the tannery picketing.

Why not pass this copy of the East Bay Labor Journal to a friend of yours when you are finished reading it!

Financial aid for organizing drive of Teachers urged

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able, devoted, and entitled to full support.

Hy Haydis of Teachers 771, chairman of the survey committee which recently sent questionnaires to all classroom teachers, said that so many teachers not members of the union had answered the questionnaire showed that the time is ripe for an organizing drive.

CLC Secretary Robert S. Ash said that no group ever gets organized effectively until members of the group themselves show a genuine desire to do organizing work, and that this time seemed to have arrived in the case of the teachers here.

Unions are asked not merely to contribute a lump sum, but to sign up for regular monthly payments for a definite period, say 12 months, to help the organizing drive.

Stewards, sign up!

If unions have not signed up 50 shop stewards for the Shop Steward Training Course by Monday, March 23, it will be necessary to abandon the project, Central Labor Council Secretary Robert S. Ash announces.

Prevailing wage bill is favored by printing trade

The Allied Printing Trades Legislative Committee announces that a bill has been introduced in the State Legislature that would require state and local governmental units to pay the prevailing wage when contracting for printing and binding.

Senate Bill 841, sponsored by the Allied Printing Trades Legislative Committee, was introduced by State Senator Hugo Fisher (D., San Diego), has been referred to the Senate Committee on Labor and is scheduled to be heard by that committee on Monday, April 6.

Patterned along the lines of the present prevailing wage law for the building trades when doing public work, the measure defines "public printing and binding" as all printing, binding and allied printing trades work done for a public agency under contract and paid for in whole or in part out of public funds. It exempts publication of public notices in newspapers of general circulation.

Regarding the prevailing wage provision, the bill provides that all workmen, so employed, shall be paid the prevailing rate of per diem wages, work the prevailing number of hours constituting a day's work, and the per diem wage shall include hourly employer contributions for health and welfare, pension, vacation and similar purposes existing in the locality for which the work is performed.

It stipulates that the director of industrial relations shall determine the prevailing wage in the locality upon petition. It would require each contractor and subcontractor to keep a record of each workman's name, occupation and per diem wage, and that the violation of any provision of the proposed law is a misdemeanor.

PG&E & Union Oil for Ike's library

Formation of a State-wide non-partisan committee in California to help raise funds for a Presidential Library to house the history-making documents of the Eisenhower Administration has been announced.

Co-chairmen of the California committee for the Eisenhower Presidential Library are James B. Black, chairman of the Board of Pacific Gas and Electric Company, San Francisco; and Reese H. Taylor, chairman of the board of Union Oil Company of California, Los Angeles.

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California's building trades may need man in Washington

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was very effective. There were some 4000 building tradesmen in attendance, 136 of them from this State.

Contacts with Senators, he said, were very satisfactory, and it looked as though a sufficient number of them understood the need for amending the Davis-Bacon Act with its important prevailing wage clause and need for bringing it up to date.

But in the House things did not look so favorable. And to meet this situation in the House as well as various problems in the Senate, the permanent legislative representation of the Building Trades Department is woefully lacking. It is not nearly so effective as the representation we have in Sacramento, said Childers.

Andrew J. Biemiller, the AFL-CIO legislative representative, has but one major assistant, and has much general labor legislation to watch, so can devote very little attention to special building trades problems. And the Building Trades Department itself has no way of persistently and insistently attending to this.

Talking with Senator Kennedy, Childers was disconcerted to learn that language changes in the Kennedy-Ives bill which P. H. McCarthy, Jr., the State BTC attorney, had recommended, had gotten to Senator Kennedy and been put in the bill, not through a labor spokesman, but through the Associated General Contractors. For labor to leave its legislative representation to the AGC did not seem sound!

Also while talking to Congressman James Roosevelt of California, Childers learned that when Secretary of Labor Mitchell was testifying on labor matters, Roosevelt had hoped that some building trades spokesman would show up to brief him on points

raised. But nobody showed up, said Roosevelt.

Childers came to the conclusion that the State BTC should elect a special legislative representative to stay in Washington. A separate fund should be set up to finance this operation, with each of the 30 building trades councils in the State setting up its own financial structure for the matter. Altogether, estimated Childers, it would amount to each local building trades union throughout the State contributing somewhere between \$5 and \$15 a month.

Anders Larsen, Carpenters 36, expressed puzzlement that the Building Trades Department wasn't able to handle this important work.

John Dudick, Carpenters 1622, said it was the best idea he'd heard of for some time, and thought it should be still better to have two such special representatives, but Childers said that would be too expensive.

Chester Bartolini, Carpenters 36, who attended the department's legislative conference, said he felt a special legislative representative in Washington is necessary; that the AFL-CIO since the Teamsters et al were expelled has been short of money; that Biemiller has a great amount of general legislation to watch, so he can't pay much attention to special building trades problems; that while the recent legislative conference was good, with men even showing up from Alaska, more persistent permanent day to day attention to the problem is needed.

Backing for the position taken by Childers and Bartolini was expressed by others who attended the conference, including BTC President Joseph Pruss, S. E. Rockwell of Electrical Workers 595, and Eric Norberg of Laborers 304.

NAAPI ups orange green head

A new organization, the NAAPI, reared its orange green head at the meeting of the Central Labor Council this week, but it turned out that all its members were going to wear green neckties the next day, St. Patrick's Day.

NAAPI, it was explained, is the "National Association for the Advancement of the Protestant Irish," and there were some very prominent names affixed to its proclamation, which of course duly carried the label of the Allied Printing Trades.

John F. Quinn, Bartenders 52, commented from the floor that it sounded like a very good organization, and was it taking in members?

"No, we don't take in mem-

bers, just contributions," was the explanation.

"Ah," said Quinn with a sigh, "that's just the kind of an organization I've always wanted to belong to!"

Whereupon William J. Foley of the Insurance Agents, qualified to speak as himself the bearer of one of those grand old begorra names, announced:

"And I have an orange necktie I'll give to anyone who'll wear it."

So St. Patrick's Eve went off very smoothly, with not a mention of King William of blank memory (supply word for blank to suit taste) or of that distressful Battle of Boyne Water.

Says he stole it, so isn't taxable

CHICAGO — Eugene C. (Jimmy) James, former secretary-treasurer of the corrupt and expelled Laundry Workers, has argued in federal court here that he isn't guilty of tax evasion because he stole the money he is accused of failing to report as income.

James pleaded innocent to a charge of failing to pay \$562,982 in federal taxes which the government charges was due on money kcked back to him from insurance premiums paid for the health and welfare benefit of union members.

His attorney, Joseph E. Green, contended before U. S. District Judge Joseph Sam Jerry that "money he (James) embezzled is not subject to income tax." James waived a jury trial.

James, who has restored himself to power in the expelled union as secretary-treasurer of Chicago Local 45, is under an embezzlement indictment in New Jersey. He is charged with converting to his own use \$650,000 in insurance-premium funds he received from Louis Saperstein, an insurance agent in Newark.

Some of the converted money was restored to the union and the balance due settled, on a discount basis, in a federal court consent decree last July. — AFL-CIO News.

Cohelan bill on Temescal control

Authorization of a preliminary flood control survey of Temescal Creek in Oakland and Emeryville by the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers has been requested by Congressman Jeffery Cohelan of Berkeley.

The survey has been proposed by the Alameda County Flood Control and Water Conservation District to determine the feasibility and costs of a comprehensive flood control program.

The area involved includes some eight square miles in Oakland and Emeryville between Lake Temescal and San Francisco Bay.

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302, 57 votes; Charles Garoni, Carpet & Linoleum Layers 1290, 57; Pete Ceremello, Paint Makers 1101, 54; Paul L. Jones, Laborers 304, 54; Jody Kerrigan, Culinary Alliance 31; Art Hellen, Communications Workers 9412, 50; Leah Newberry, Office Employees 29, 50; Jack Tobler, Auto Workers 1031, 50; May Coleman, Cleaners 3009, 49; Jack Long, Steel Machinists 1304, 49; Frank Robello, Auto Workers 1031, 49; Harris Wilkin, Food Clerks 870, 49; Paul Fleishman, Butchers 120, 48; Joseph Pruss, Sheet Metal Workers 216, 48; Kenneth Steadman, Steelworkers 3367, 47; Len Lawson, Communications Workers 9415, 46; Bob Ottesen, Culinary Workers & Bartenders 823, 46; Gratalee Reese, Glass Bottle Blowers 141, 46; C. L. Dellums, Sleeping Car Porters, 45; S. E. Rockwell, Electrical Workers 595, 45; O. K. Mitchell, Shipyard Laborers 886, 44; Edwin Myers, Auto Workers 333, 44; Virgil Brunstedt, Carpenters 1622, 42; Ed Reith, Cemetery Workers 322, 42; Andrew Swanson, Painters 1178, 41; Marius Waldal, Carpenters 1622, 41.

The 25 of the above 26 who will actually take places on the board will be determined at the next meeting.

The officers chosen without opposition at the previous meeting were: Ernest Perry, Steel Machinists 1304, president; J. L. Childers, Plasterers 112, vice president; Robert S. Ash, Food Clerks 870, secretary-treasurer; Ken Crosswell, Communications Workers 9412, Fran Kaczmarek, Culinary Alliance 31, and Leslie K. Moore, Auto & Ship Painters 1176, trustees; Al Thoman, Carpenters 36, sergeant-at-arms.

CALIFORNIA manufacturing employment in February was 5 percent higher than a year ago, John F. Henning, California Director of Industrial Relations, announced. California factories employed 1,233,000 wage and salary workers last month compared with 1,169,300 in February 1958.

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While saving a few jobs we lose so many more

Charles Wells of the Steelworkers raised an issue in the Central Labor Council discussion of billboards last week which is going to confront organized labor increasingly as social change and technological change continue to beset us.

Wells said flatly that even though some workers lose jobs if billboards are abolished or cut away down in number, it is time to follow the example of other States and permit travelers to see scenery instead of billboards.

It was inevitable, as he doubtless knew, that he would be voted down, and that the majority, the large majority of the delegates, would sustain the executive committee in supporting the California Labor Federation in its opposition to anti-billboard bills now before the Legislature.

It was inevitable because unions were originally formed to protect jobs, and that is the so-called bread and butter function which they continue to carry on. And until unions take the political aggressive, and keep on the aggressive until the problem of loss of jobs through social and technological change is faced by society as a whole, this practice will continue.

Come in and tell our labor people here, or anywhere else, that ten jobs are going to be cut out by some proposal and it's just like feeding a board into a sticker in a planing mill—that board is going to come out smoothly planed and that resolution against the proposal is going to be adopted.

But while we're saving, or trying to save, a few jobs in this time honored way, we're losing hundreds of thousands of jobs all over the place, as the musicians have lost them by records, radio, TV, as steelworkers and auto workers have recently lost them by automation. But we still aren't aggressively demanding through political action that society as a whole, not just the individual craft or business, take over the responsibility for shifting displaced workers to other jobs, and retraining them so they can handle those new jobs.

That's the big issue, and the fact that Charles Wells got some applause after he'd spoken, and some few votes on his side later, indicates that rethinking of that issue is beginning to take place among our people. But more than rethinking is needed. Reorganizing of our whole concept of unionism is needed, so that we'll really take seriously the need for political action—the persuading of society to see our problem—and won't in politics act halfheartedly, languidly, inefficiently.

So Harry gets a subpoena

Ten rubles to a Confederate dime that Harry Bridges knew, and chuckled over it, before he started on that trip to Moscow, that the Un-American Activities Committee of the House would subpoena him when he got back, and ask him how come he's the way he is, and how come Moscow is the way it is.

So the subpoena has been issued, and Harry says he'll go when his country calls him, which it has. Harry will enjoy it because when it comes to the wry retort, the shrewd witticism, the devastating rejoinder, Harry can make a bunch of ham politicians looking for headlines run to cover and scream that they've been contemptified.

Not so long ago this same tribe of aboriginal headline hunters announced that there are attorneys out here who defend Commies in court, and that really, comrades and fellow workers in the field of headline patriotism, something drastic ought to be done about it. There wasn't a name on the list of attorneys that informed labor people didn't already have tabbed, and there was the tale of the lawyer who was sore because his name got left off the list.

Is this republic scared to death of Harry Bridges and that panel of Red ambulance-chasers. Yes, say the Un-Americans, we are; in fact, we're scared pink!

Anti-labor farmers

Spokesmen for farmers swarm in and get crippling amendments tacked on to everything from FEPC to social security measures.

It's about time that we of labor let the big farm interests know that we're fed up with voting to help the farmers when they try to shut their industry off from any decent provisions for working people.

Billions have been voted for agricultural aid, and billions of words have been uttered by farm lobbies against any aid to agricultural workers.

Two-Trousers Suit



SUPPORT LABOR PRESS, PRESIDENT MEANY ASKS

The following statement on the need for giving financial support to the labor press was issued by AFLCIO President George Meany in connection with the recent meeting in San Juan of the AFLCIO Executive Committee:

TO THE OFFICERS OF THE STATE AND CITY CENTRAL BODIES

Dear Sir and Brother:

The Executive Council, at its recent midwinter meeting, considered ways and means of supporting and strengthening our bona fide Labor Press. I am certain we are all aware that our Labor Press provides one of the primary means of communication between the union and its members. In the last few years, it has taken on an even greater importance as labor has been subjected to wide-ranging attacks on its economic, political and social goals.

Through the International Labor Press Association, the editors of the bona fide Labor Press have made substantial progress in improving the technical competence of our labor publications. In order to support the efforts of the ILPA to police its ranks against the parade of racketeers who sought to use the good name of the labor movement for private gain, the AFLCIO has issued a directive which specifically limits the type of advertising acceptable in the bona fide Labor Press. The officers of the AFLCIO and the ILPA realize that, in many cases, because of the lack of financial support from our local unions, many of the local papers have found it necessary to rely on advertising in order to finance their operations. The AFLCIO directive, therefore, increased the financial burden on some of our local papers.

It is our hope that the goal of our trade union members will be to work toward the day when there will be no advertisements

in a labor paper—a policy that is followed by the National AFL-CIO as well as by many of our International Unions. In this respect, the labor movement, as a matter of pride, should pay its own way.

It is of prime importance that our membership should realize that they have a responsibility to make our publications as effective as possible; to make every effort to finance and support the bona fide Labor Press, and above all else, to keep the Labor Press a clean, sharp and effective tool in presenting our purposes and ideals, not only to our members but to the general public.

The Executive Council therefore believes it would be most helpful, in the support of our local Labor Press, if the officers and members of our City Central and State Bodies would impress upon their affiliates the necessity of financially supporting the bona fide Labor Press of their areas. In this respect, I would also like to request the officers of our City Central and State Bodies to subscribe to the weekly paper of our National office, namely, the AFLCIO News. It is a service to your affiliates to be informed on the important issues which face the trade union movement today. If you are not receiving the AFLCIO News, I would strongly urge that the State or City Central Body do so.

Thanking you for your cooperation in this instance, I am

Sincerely and fraternally,
GEORGE MEANY,
President

Civil service woes

The average citizen probably thinks of the Civil Service as representing the ultimate in job security. Once a person gets appointed as the result of a competitive examination, he's set for life. So the popular concept runs.

Government employees, of course, know from experience that it just ain't so.

Anyone who has been in an agency hit with a sharp budget cut, anyone who has gone through the turmoil of reorganizations, transfers of functions and closing of regional and branch offices knows that thousands of career government employees each year find themselves jobless through no fault of their own. — The Government Standard.

Labor 1900-1918

The period from 1900 to 1918 is a particularly significant one in the history of the modern American labor movement because the present day union movement was developing its political tradition during this time. This was the period, too, when socialism, then at its height in American life, was intent on winning the unions to its cause. This was also the period when the Roman Catholic Church began its militant campaign to combat socialism within the unions and to unionism and social unionism. — American Labor Unions and Politics" by Marc Karson.

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INSURANCE

Editor, Labor Journal:

It seems we all talk of great things, but how many of the people think of insurance—how many billions of dollars have been taken from the people, who get no return from it.

I say, and anybody can make the same stand, that they use our money to build and make themselves more money. And what do we get from our investment? Nothing.

We could put the money in the bank and get some interest out of it. But nobody ever thinks of it.

C. F. MINARD,
Benicia

Editor's Note: Brother Minard can hardly mean literally that we get no return whatever from our investment of premiums in privately owned insurance companies. That such companies do make a great deal of money out of us, and that their lobbies in Sacramento and Washington are very powerful, there can be no doubt. And it is true, certainly, that most of us think all too little about this whole matter.

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12-YEAR TERM

Editor, Labor Journal:

Congratulations! Twelve years as the editor of a labor paper in these upset times—and more and worse are coming—is certainly an outstanding experience for any person. Few have survived for that long a period.

Again congratulations!

Yours,
IRA B. CROSS

Editor's Note: The distinguished UC professor of economics, retired, whose congratulations we are very much pleased to receive, has been an honorary member of the San Francisco Building Trades Council since 1921, and has long been familiar with the labor movement. But we're not so sure that a 12-year survival in a labor editorship sets a record. After all, though, it comes to 624 weeks, or 4368 days!

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SHOCKING

It is shocking to look at the record and note that the future of the American home, the future of our housing, has not received top billing at any time in the program offered by the present Administration. — Boris Shishkin.

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NEVER AGAIN?

I think communism as an ideology is dead, not only in Western Europe but throughout a great portion of the European continent, and it will never again be a great, pulling, emotional force. — George F. Kennan.

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YOUR CONTRACT

As a valuable property right, a union agreement is in the same class as a deed to a house. This property can only be protected by a strong union. — Wm. A. Cobb, Jr.

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NERVOUS SYSTEM

Modern communications have given or imposed on the whole world a common nervous system, given the world the intimacy, almost, of a town meeting. — Lyle Wilson of UP.

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TEST OF SUCCESS

The final measure of success in the election of friendly legislators is the sum total of liberal legislation enacted into law. — C. J. Haggerty.